

Charles Wright, and believe me to be,
My dear Dr. Gray,

Yours very sincerely
Wm. Bennett.

I wish you could let me know the publisher, ^{with} price of the
Atlas of the U. S. Exploring Expedition - and also whether the copying
of the Mexican boundary survey is yet published. I hope we may also
soon look for something from you or Mr. Wright. Japanese plants,
collected during the visit of the "Uincennes."

(Dupli. - orig^l sent with parcel.)

Hongkong, 17. May, 1859.

My dear Dr. Gray,

I wrote to you last March in
Acknowledgement of the very interesting
and liberal present of plants and
books you were so kind as to send
me; and have now made up a
small parcel containing the last
of the duplicates in my possession.
If it is not so interesting, or
perhaps as extensive as my first
set, I ask you to believe that,
had I the materials at hand,
I should only have been too glad
to make a better return for your
goodness and liberality. There are
however in the packet some of our
oaks, which you probably do not
possess, and also a few really
good things I believe. I have been
somewhat embarrassed with

respect to the despatch of this packet, as I do not find
a single vessel laid on either for New York or Boston,
but a friend of mine has been engaged as to take
charge of it, and I have no doubt General Meinard
the U. S. Consul here, will forward it the moment
an opportunity offers. I am sorry to have to inform you
that I am at once to proceed to Canton, then which
there is no station more unsatisfactory for a botanist,
and I can do nothing in the way of collecting, but must
occupy myself in arranging and preparing your own
and other contributions to my herbarium. I have
however made a formal application for a three months
leave in Japan; and, if I am successful, shall doubtless
be able to make up for the forced idleness now before.

me, ^{or} ~~which~~ period, however, ^{which,} so far as my
own herbarium is concerned, will not be
one of idleness at all.

With respect to any plants from
America, I can only say that *Cupuliferae*
Mexican Californian & U. States generally,
would be particularly welcome, and
that West Indian ferns are very
badly represented in my herbarium.
Those of the Northern States I have
for the most part, but not the Californian
nor indeed do I possess many things
of any kind from the Western States,
California, Mexico or Oregon. If you
have any duplicate specimens of the
rarer varieties of it, Europe or Asia
they ~~are~~ ^{and above all} U. S., W. ~~or~~ Indian
or Asiatic presses would be most
acceptable, if determined. But I am
bound to say that what you have
hitherto sent me is far more than
an equivalent for any contributions I
have made to your herbarium.

Remember me kindly to Mrs.